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Thank You, Member Districts & RFAs

By Roger Ferris, Executive Secretary

On behalf of the Washington Fire Commissioners Association Board of Directors, I want to take this opportunity to thank member districts and regional fire authorities for your continued support of association operations.

The updated *2015 Fire Commissioner Handbook* and *Fire District Lawbook* have been emailed to member personnel who have email addresses on file with the WFCA. If you do not use email, please check with your secretary to request a copy of this material or contact the WFCA office and we will provide one for you.

I want to thank each of you for your continued support of the WFCA.

As a WFCA member, your district/RFA was mailed copies of the *2015 Washington State Fire Service Directory*, individually labeled for its intended recipient (one copy for each commissioner, chief and secretary). Additional copies are available through the WFCA office at \$15 each.

Log-in credentials for the *Official Online Fire Service Directory* were mailed along with the hard-copy directories, so be sure to check out that feature and let the association office know if you find inaccuracies so we can correct our records.

Once again, I want to thank each of you for your continued support of the WFCA. The association office is here to help you; please contact us if we can be of service:

Toll-free telephone: 800.491.9322

Telephone: 360.943.3880

Email: wfca@wfca.wa.gov

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 134, Olympia, WA 98507

PDC Filing Reminder

Fire commissioners must file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1) with the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission by April 15. The F-1 may be filed electronically or by mail any time between now and the April 15 deadline.

Forms and the e-filing application may be found under Filer Resources at www.pdc.wa.gov. Please contact the PDC staff for assistance with filing: pdc@pdc.wa.gov, 360.753.1111, or toll-free 877.601.2828.

NOTE: Commissioners serving small districts with less than 1,000 registered voters do not file the F-1.

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A Message from the President by Jim Farrell



All of us must feel, after the Super Bowl on February 1st, a great let down.

I think this season holds a real lesson for all of us as Fire Commissioners.

At the beginning of the season the team stumbled and had a difficult time. When Percy Harvin was traded to the Jets and a meeting was held, the main topic was team work. That meeting changed the course of the season.

As the season progressed, team members would deflect praise from the media about themselves and praise their fellow team members. Although there were many close games the Seahawks

were able to win the division title and move on to the Super Bowl.

We as an organization face many of the same problems if we work like Percy Harvin and look

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only to ourselves and blame others when we don't accomplish our goals.

We are currently working very closely with the rest of the fire community to accomplish jointly our strategic goals. The All-Risk Mobilization, Fire Service Training Bill, and North Bend Fire

Training Academy rehab are three examples of how the fire service is working together to accomplish goals that we have in common.

We need to expand on this effort in our fire service community to build on goals to offer excellence in fire protection to the citizens of the state of Washington.

After the disappointment of those last seconds in the Super Bowl, Marshawn Lynch put it best when he said, "Football is a team sport." We need to remember that whether we win or lose in our attempts to make the state of Washington a better place, it is a team sport, with all of us working for common goals. That is the best and most productive way to accomplish the goals of our Association.

Bylaws Changes Due May 15

May 15 is the deadline for submitting proposed amendments to the *WFCA Articles of Association and Bylaws*.

Please be sure to submit your proposals to the Bylaws Committee, c/o WFCA, P. O. Box 134, Olympia, WA 98507, fax 360.664.0415 or email wfca@wfca.wa.gov.

If you would like a copy of the current bylaws for review, please visit www.wfca.wa.gov or call the WFCA office at 800.491.9322.

Ads

FOR SALE by N Mason RFA: '05 Ford/Unruh Quick attack brush truck, Ford F-550 regular cab 4x4 Chassis, Ford 6.0L Dies & AT Custom Fire body by Unruh Fire, 4 Roll-up compartments, 2 wheel well compartments, 1 top mntd coffin box, 400 gal water, 10 foam, 3 water lvl indicators, Lombardini Dies fire pump plumbed to vehicle fuel tank, Top mntd pump panel, Discharges: 1X 1.5", 2 X 1", 1x 1" Hose reel, Intake: 1 X 2 1/2" tank fill or through-the-pump Oil-less electric primer, Darley Fast Foam class A system, Code 3 Halogen lightbar w/alley & takedowns, Whelen & Code 3 LED warning lights, Rear Halogen Scene lights, Halogen compartment lights, Motorola VHF Radio/Siren, Desk Phone, Custom front bumper w/Warn 12000# Winch, Tow pkg w/brake controller & Phoenix Wheel Covers, Seating for 2, 20,561 mi. \$45,000. Call AC Cooper, 360.801.1044.

ON THE WEB

Do you want to know where you can find...

- Commissioner compensation information?
- Location and dates of the next WFCA conference?
- IRS mileage rate for 2015?
- More?

On the WFCA website, of course! For answers to all your questions, log onto www.wfca.wa.gov.





2015 Saturday Seminar Series

The Washington Fire Commissioners Association is pleased to offer members the 2015 Saturday Seminar Series. Class descriptions are outlined below; see reverse for dates, times and locations. To register, please use the form provided. If you have questions concerning the seminars, please contact the WFCA office at 1.800.491.9322.

BOARD MEETINGS: BE COMPLIANT NOT DEFIANT

This seminar will be offered in Yakima and Ocean Shores

Presented by Attorney Kinnon Williams of Inslee, Best, Doezie & Ryder, PS

Are you running your board meetings the proper way? Are you following the letter of the law? This comprehensive class, for both new commissioners and those who have a few terms under their belts, will show you the ins and outs of running a board meeting the right way. Agenda writing, publishing minutes, executive sessions, disruptive attendees, resolutions your board is required to adopt and records retention are just some of the items that will be covered as part of this seminar. A mock board meeting will be conducted to give you examples of how to deal with real-life situations that may occur in your meetings. Imagine being there on-site to see how to properly deal with a variety of thorny issues as they arise and get your questions answered by Mr. Williams.



RISK MANAGEMENT: HOW TO PROTECT YOUR DISTRICT/RFA

This seminar will be offered in Chelan only

Presented by Mike McCall, Consultant for VFIS, MJ Consulting

There is no greater financial liability risk to fire districts and RFAs than personnel-driven lawsuits such as harassment, discrimination and wrongful termination, just to name a few. Mr. McCall will highlight and review the latest in personnel law trends facing the fire service and provide advice on what you can do within your district/RFA to mitigate exposure to such claims. This is a great opportunity for both paid and volunteer administrative staff and commissioners to stay ahead of the litigation game.



WFCA SELF-FUNDED HEALTH CARE PROGRAM

Offered in Ocean Shores and Chelan

Presented by Jim Lux, WFCA Health Care Manager

It's hard to believe that the country is moving into its sixth year under federal health care reform. So far your Health Care Program has accommodated both federal and state regulatory changes as well as changes in the marketplace without compromising benefits or experiencing significant increases in premiums. Beginning at 8:00 a.m. at the Ocean Shores and Chelan Seminars, please join Mr. Lux for a one-hour discussion of where we are in this changing health care environment. Attendees are encouraged to come learn and share your thoughts.



2015 Seminar Dates, Locations & Times

MARCH 7th Holiday Inn in Yakima	MARCH 28th Shilo Inn in Ocean Shores	JUNE 6th Campbell's Resort in Chelan
<p align="center"><u>A G E N D A</u></p> <p>Registration & Coffee.....8:00 a.m.</p> <p>BOARD MEETINGS: BE COMPLIANT NOT DEFIANT9:00 a.m.</p> <p>Lunch 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.</p> <p>Seminar will conclude at 4:00 p.m.</p>	<p align="center"><u>A G E N D A</u></p> <p>Registration & Coffee.....7:30 a.m.</p> <p>WFCA Health Care Update.....8:00 a.m.</p> <p>BOARD MEETINGS: BE COMPLIANT NOT DEFIANT9:00 a.m.</p> <p>Lunch 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.</p> <p>Seminar will conclude at 4:00 p.m.</p>	<p align="center"><u>A G E N D A</u></p> <p>Registration & Continental Breakfast (included in registration fee).....7:30 a.m.</p> <p>WFCA Health Care Update.....8:00 a.m.</p> <p>RISK MANAGEMENT: HOW TO PROTECT YOUR DISTRICT/RFA9:00 a.m.</p> <p>Lunch 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.</p> <p>Seminar will conclude at 4:00 p.m.</p>
<p align="center">Seminar Venue</p> <p>The Holiday Inn Downtown is located at 802 E. Yakima Ave., Yakima, WA 98901.</p>	<p align="center">Seminar Venue</p> <p>The Shilo Inn is located at 707 Ocean Shores Blvd. N.W., Ocean Shores, WA 98569. Shilo telephone numbers are toll-free 800.222.2244 (reservations) or 360.289.4600 (main line). The guest room rate is \$119 per night. Visit www.shiloinns.com for more information on this hotel.</p>	<p align="center">Seminar Venue</p> <p>Campbell's is located at 104 W. Woodin Ave., Chelan, WA 98816. For reservations call 800.553.8225 or 509.682.2561. Room rates vary depending on the type requested. For more hotel information, visit www.campbellsresort.com. Other reservation options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grandview (800.962.8723) • Best Western (800.468.2781) • Darnell's (800.967.8149)

Registration Information, Fees & Form

Registration fee listed below is per person, per seminar. Fee includes lunch at the seminar for which you register.

MEMBER REGISTRATION

\$150.00

\$200.00 (at the door)

NON-MEMBER REGISTRATION

\$400.00

\$500.00 (at the door)

- ♦ An educational grant program is available to members with an assessed value of less than \$50 million. Please contact the WFCA office for more information.
- ♦ 48 hours' notice is required for registration refunds from the WFCA.

✓ *Sign Me Up for the Seminar I've checked:*

☐ Yakima—March 7th

☐ Ocean Shores—March 28th

☐ Chelan—June 6th

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☐ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

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Please return completed registration to:
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2015 FIRE SERVICE DIRECTORY CHANGES as of February 5

COUNTY

BENTON	Fire District 2	Website: www.bcfpd2.org
CHELAN	Fire District 3	Remove Commissioner Oliver Brulotte
	Fire District 7	Telephone number for Commissioner Tom Peters: (509)687-6178
CLALLAM	Fire District 4	Email address for Commissioner Ben Pacheco: benanddonna26@olypen.com
CLARK	Fire District 9	Acting Fire Chief replacing Scott Koehler: Dean Thornberry, 600 NE 267 th Ave, Camas 98607, (360)834-4908, dthornberry@ecfr.us
DOUGLAS	Fire District 4	Telephone number for Fire Chief Jim Oatey: (509)682-0848
FERRY	Fire District 14	Address for District Secretary Carol Charlson: PO Box 98, Curlew 99118
GRANT	Fire District 5	New district secretary replacing Kelly Wallace: April Grandgeorge, 11058 Nelson Rd, Moses Lake 98837, (509)765-3175, a.grandgeorge@gcfd5.org
	Fire District 15	New district secretary replacing Kelly Wallace: April Grandgeorge, 11058 Nelson Rd, Moses Lake 98837, (509)765-3175, a.grandgeorge@gcfd5.org
KITTITAS	Fire District 6	New district secretary replacing John Eberle: Jeannine Lavande, PO Box 328, Ronald 98940, (509)930-6757, jeanninelavande@yahoo.com , Meets 2 nd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, Station 1, 1 st & Atlantic, Ronald
SAN JUAN	Fire District 4	Meets 3 rd Tuesday, 4 pm, Station 1, Lopez Island
SKAGIT	Fire District 6	New Interim Fire Chief Paul Wagner replacing Josh Carpenter
SKAMANIA	Fire District 3	Email address for Commissioner Carolyn Boaz: cjboaz@embarqmail.com
STEVENS	Fire District 13	New Fire District: Stevens No. 13, Evans FDID: 33D13 <i>Board of Commissioners:</i> 1 Arden Fritz, (509)684-4718, ackfritz2@gmail.com 2 Jerry Pechin, (509)685-9792, 2457 Offkilter Way, Evans 99126, pechinrj@wildblue.net 3 Reg Davenport, (509)684-5359, regdavenport@gmail.com
THURSTON	Fire District 13 W Thurston RFA	Remove Administrative Assistant Kelly Finney Email address for Commissioner Jeff Jernigan: jeff.jernigan@westthurstonfire.org Mailing address and email address for Chief of Operations Robert Scott: 10828 Littlerock Rd SW, Olympia 98512, robert.scott@westthurstonfire.org Email address for Administrative Chief Russell Kaleiwahea: russ.kaleiwahea@westthurstonfire.org
WAHIAKUM	Fire District 2	New commissioner replacing John Lindsey: Oliver Vanden Berghe, 1354 W SR 4, Skamokawa 98647, (360)795-8305 New district secretary replacing Patricia Kehrli: Brenda VanKaneagan, PO Box 43, Skamokawa 98647, (503)781-8619, vankaneganb@gmail.com
WALLA WALLA	Fire District 2	Email address for Commissioner James Leid: jmleid@hotmail.com
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